



# Tempe Public Art

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## Susan T. Gamble

*Greetings from Tempe, 1995*

Hand crafted ceramic tiles  
and commercial tiles

### Location:

6<sup>th</sup> Street Park  
SW of City Hall

### Artist Website:

[www.SantaTheresaTileWorks.com](http://www.SantaTheresaTileWorks.com)

**Description:** This sculpture was one of five small, permanent “Downtown Mini-Monuments” undertaken in 1993 by the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission. The outdoor mini-monuments were located along Mill Avenue and were commissioned to enhance Tempe’s 120-acre redeveloped downtown. In 2003, the sculpture was relocated to its current home, Plazita de Descanso. “Greetings from Tempe” is a picture postcard stand where people are welcome—and even encouraged—to sit or stand next to the artwork and have their picture taken, creating a homemade picture postcard. The postcard can be kept as memorabilia or stamped and sent away to friends or relatives. The phrase “Greetings from Tempe” is part of the sculpture and is visible in the picture postcard. A “skin” of individually crafted and glazed ceramic tiles and broken commercial tile is affixed to a skeleton of cement board and rebar. The tile combination was used in a mosaic form to create patterns of color with images of desert flora on the front faces and birds on the back.

**Artist biography:** Susan T. Gamble is a ceramic artist who received her BFA from the University of Arizona and her MFA from California State University in Long Beach. Major commissions include public art projects in the Santa Cruz River Park, the Tucson Airport and New York City. She has exhibited extensively in California, Massachusetts and Arizona. She has taught and lectured in Arizona and California. Gamble currently runs a ceramic studio in Tucson.

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